

REMARKS

The Office action of September 1, 2009, has been carefully considered.

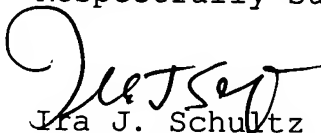
The rejections of the claims under 35 USC 103(a) have been withdrawn. The sole remaining rejection is a rejection of Claims 16-30 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,624,198.

In order to remove this rejection, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer with the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) paid by credit card (Form PTO-2038).

Withdrawal of the rejection based on obviousness-type doubling patenting is requested.

An early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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